



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 5, 2016
Schedule 16**

PLEASE NOTE: February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 2016

HB 687 Delegate Adams, et al

PREVAILING WAGE – PAYROLL RECORDS – SUBMISSION BY CONTRACTORS

Requiring contractors on a public work contract to submit payroll records within 30 days after the end of each payroll period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 17-220 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 688 Delegate Lam**VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “electric personal assistive mobility device” to require that the device have a specified steering mechanism and a specified platform on which the rider stands.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-101(j) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 689 Delegate Frick**PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Altering the circumstances under which a contractor on a public work contract is liable for liquidated damages and the amount of liquidated damages for which the contractor is liable when laborers or other employees are paid less than the prevailing wage rates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 17-222 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 690 Delegate Haynes**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND WELLNESS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Empowerment and Wellness Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 691 Delegates C. Wilson and Buckel**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY COMPENSATION**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified military compensation to repeal a requirement that the compensation be attributable to military service of the individual outside the United States; repealing a specified limitation on the amount of the subtraction modification; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-207(p) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 692 Delegate Davis**PUBLIC SAFETY – RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS – TRANSACTIONS**

Providing that a person who is not a specified licensee may not complete the transfer of a specified rifle or shotgun as transferor or transferee, except under specified circumstances; requiring, before a specified transfer is conducted, the transferor and transferee to meet jointly with a specified licensee and request that the licensee facilitate the transfer; requiring a licensee to take specified actions when facilitating a transfer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-201 - amended and § 5-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 693 Delegate Kramer**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – COMPENSATION**

Decreasing the amount of the maximum weekly benefit for a permanent partial disability claim arising from events occurring on or after January 1, 2017, that is awarded to a covered employee for less than 75 weeks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 9-628 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 694 Delegate A. Miller, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIOD – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT**

Establishing a tax-free period each year during which a specified sales and use tax exemption for the sale of specified emergency preparedness items is provided; requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to publish a specified list on or before January 1, 2017; authorizing the Executive Director to amend a specified list under specified circumstances; defining specified terms; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-228.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 695 Delegate A. Miller, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MARYLAND SOCCERPLEX FIELDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of soccer fields at the Maryland SoccerPlex, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 696 Delegate Davis, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY – FUNDING**

Authorizing the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority to collect an assessment or a charge not exceeding 5 cents per ticket under specified circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which the Authority may collect an assessment or a charge; and providing for an exception to a specified limitation regarding sources of operational funding for the Authority.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PU, § 12-111 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 697 Delegates Otto and Carozza**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits the issuance of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; specifying the scope of authorization of the license; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for an establishment that is outside a specified distance of a Worcester County owned or operated retail dispensary; specifying a \$4,500 annual fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 33-901 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 698 Delegate Otto, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – GROSS WEIGHT AND AXLE LOAD – POULTRY**

Exempting a specified combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer from specified gross weight limits; establishing the gross weight limit for a specified combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer that are carrying poultry under specified circumstances; and authorizing a specified combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer to have a specified axle load limit tolerance and gross weight limit tolerance under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 24-109 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 699 Delegates K. Young and Krimm**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 LABORATORIES**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify specified biosafety level 3 (BSL–3) laboratories and the location of the laboratories; requiring the Department to collect information from the laboratories relevant to public health and safety; requiring the laboratories to report specified information to the Department; requiring the Department to report annually the number and location of the laboratories to officials in each local jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 17-701 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 700 Delegate Davis, et al**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – NAIL TECHNICIANS**

Providing that work is not covered employment when performed by a holder of a limited license to provide nail technician services who leases or otherwise agrees to the use of a chair, booth, or space from a holder of a barbershop permit, a beauty salon permit, or an owner–manager permit who operates a barbershop or beauty salon under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 8-206(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 701 Delegate Walker**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM FOR MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Warrant Intercept Program for Maryland Income Tax Refunds; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding continued implementation of the warrant intercept program in a manner that ensures that the program does not disparately impact individuals on racial grounds; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 702 Delegate Frick, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER WASHINGTON CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a children’s playground, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 703 Delegate A. Miller, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS DISQUALIFICATIONS – ANTIQUE FIREARM**

Applying specified provisions disqualifying a person from possessing a rifle or shotgun to an antique firearm and altering the definition of “firearm” so as to clarify that the term includes an antique firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 5-101(h), 5-133.3(b) and (d), and 5-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 704 Delegate West, et al**OFF-TRACK BETTING – MARYLAND STATE FAIRGROUNDS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a track where racing is conducted by the State Fair Society from being a receiving track during a period of time when the State Fair Society is not licensed to conduct live racing; and prohibiting the State Racing Commission from granting a permit to hold satellite simulcast betting at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium;

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, §§ 11-811(h) and 11-817 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 705 Delegate Davis, et al**MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER – CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY FUNDING**

Expanding findings of the General Assembly concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center; expanding the purposes of the Center; altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Center; requiring the Center to establish a Credit Investment Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations for qualifying project applicants; altering the authority of the Center to provide financing for clean energy technology-based businesses; establishing a Clean Energy Technology Financing Fund in the Center for specified purposes; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL

EC, Various Sections and SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended and EC, § 10-817.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 706 Delegate Jameson, et al**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT CONCESSIONAIRE AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons in conjunction with an entertainment facility; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to a person that owns an entertainment facility where video lottery terminals and table games are offered to the public; providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under either license may be taken and consumed anywhere on the licensed premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 18-1002.1 and 18-1002.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 707 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**HORSE RACING – TRACK WINNINGS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION AND CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and Child Support Enforcement Administration to certify to the State Racing Commission or a licensee of the Commission that a specified obligor is in arrears on specified payments; requiring the licensee to withhold and transfer specified prize amounts to specified collection agencies of the State; requiring the licensee to provide the obligor with a specified notice; authorizing the obligor to appeal the transfer; providing that the Act does not apply to prizes won on or before June 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 11-215 - added and CP, § 11-616(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 708 Delegate Gutierrez, et al**EDUCATION – MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY ACT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program that recognizes public high school graduates in the State who have attained proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English; providing that participation in the Program by a local school system is voluntary; providing that, beginning with the graduating class of 2017, eligible students shall receive a Seal of Biliteracy affixed to a diploma or transcript under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 709 Delegate Jones**EDUCATION – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – FUNDING**

Requiring teachers and professional personnel at the Maryland School for the Blind to be paid an annual salary at least equal to a specified amount paid in Baltimore County to specified personnel; requiring the Governor to appropriate \$1,000,000 for residential services; adding to a specified calculation one-half of the average number of children served by the School for the Blind for the Blind's Outreach Program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, Various Sections - amended and repealed and §§ 8-3A-01 through 8-3A-11 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 710 Delegates Glenn and W. Miller**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL BENEFITS – PAYMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT**

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer, within 45 days of treatment or medical service to a covered employee, a bill for and documentation summarizing the medical services or treatment provided to a covered employee under a specified provision of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 9-660 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 711 Delegate Barkley**STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING – STATE PLUMBING CODE – ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING AND FUEL GAS CODES**

Requiring the State Board of Plumbing to adopt by regulation the International Plumbing Code and the International Fuel Gas Code as the State Plumbing Code on or before July 1, 2017; requiring the Board to adopt a specified version of specified codes within a specified period of time; authorizing the Board to adopt regulations to amend the State Plumbing Code under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 12-101 and 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 712 Delegate Grammer, et al**FORECLOSURES – BALTIMORE COUNTY – CERTIFICATE OF VACANCY OR CERTIFICATE OF PROPERTY UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION**

Requiring Baltimore County to issue on request of a secured party a certificate of vacancy or a certificate of property unfit for human habitation for purposes of filing an order to docket or complaint to foreclose on residential property; and requiring that a certificate be issued or denied in Baltimore County within 14 days after the date of the request for the certificate.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 7-105.11 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 713 Delegate Luedtke, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – COMMUNITY–PARTNERED SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS – REPORTING SYSTEM AND REPORT (SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and other stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community–partnered school behavioral health services programs; requiring the Department to report on or before December 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, to the Governor and General Assembly on the effectiveness of community–partnered school behavioral health services programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-438 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 714 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**NURSING HOMES – HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT – ADOPTION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS**

Altering the purposes for which the Health Care Quality Account must to be used to require that the Account be used for the adoption and use, including for data mining, of specified electronic health records by nursing homes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-1407 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 715 Delegate Kramer, et al**EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF AUTISM ACT**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to require health care practitioners, when providing a well–child examination at the ages of 18 months and 24 months, to administer a specified screening tool for autism; requiring the Secretary to require a child to be referred for specified services if the child has a positive result on the screening tool; requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the administration of the screening tool; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 13-2801 and 13-2802 and IN, § 15-817.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 716 Delegate Impallaria**ELECTION LAW – VOTING BY FELONS AT POLLING PLACES – PROHIBITION**

Requiring an applicant for voter registration to specify whether the applicant is a felon; requiring that specified information concerning voting by felons be provided to an applicant for voter registration; requiring an individual who is a felon to vote only by absentee ballot; prohibiting a felon from voting at a polling place; and limiting a provision of law allowing specified registered criminal offenders to enter onto school property for the purpose of voting only to registered offenders who are not felons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EL, § 3-202 - amended and § 9-304.1 - added and CP, § 11-722(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 717 Dorchester County Delegation**DORCHESTER COUNTY – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT**

Altering the minimum seating requirement from 50 to 25 individuals for facilities for which a specified Class B beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 19-902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 718 Delegate Kramer, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSET RECOVERY FOR EXPLOITED SENIORS ACT**

Authorizing the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages against a specified person who violates specified provisions of law on behalf of a specified person; authorizing the Division to recover specified damages; authorizing the Division to recover specified costs under specified circumstances; providing that a specified criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under the Act; applying the Act prospectively etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CL, § 13-204 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 719 Delegate Malone, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTIONS – GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS**

Exempting from the sales and use tax a sale by a chartered organization of the Boy Scouts of America or a scout unit chartered by a local council of the Boy Scouts of America in the State, or by a troop of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 720 Delegate Kramer**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD – CARRYING PROOF OF COVERAGE – UNINSURED MOTORIST EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND**

Requiring a specified insurer to provide a specified insurance identification card to specified insureds at specified times; providing that an insurance identification card may be produced in a specified electronic format; requiring a specified operator to be in possession of or carry in the motor vehicle at specified times specified evidence of required security; requiring that a specified operator is subject to a fine of \$50 under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 19-503.1 and TR, § 17-104.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 721 Delegate Davis, et al**PREVAILING WAGE RATES REFORM ACT OF 2016**

Expanding the applicability of the prevailing wage rate law to political subdivisions, agencies, and public works on property where the State, a political subdivision, or an agency is the owner or lessee by altering the definition of “public body”; providing that the prevailing wage rate law applies to public work contracts greater than \$25,000; requiring that prevailing wage rates be calculated using wage rates established by specified collective bargaining agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 17-201, 17-202(b), 17-208, 17-209, 17-214, 17-219, 17-220(d), 17-222, 17-224, and 17-226 - amended and § 17-224.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 722 Delegate Hixson, et al**CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS – FUNDING**

Beginning in fiscal year 2017, increasing the amount of money from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 the Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms each fiscal year.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, § 5-313 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 723 Delegate Beidle, et al**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – DISTRIBUTION TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Altering the authorized uses of highway user revenues; repealing obsolete distributions of highway user revenues to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities for specified fiscal years; requiring that specified additional distributions of highway user revenues be made under specified circumstances to municipalities in specified fiscal years for specified purposes; requiring that specified additional distributions of highway user revenues be allocated among municipalities in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 724 Delegate West, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – COPIES OF MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES**

Authorizing specified hospitals and other health care providers to charge a preparation fee not to exceed \$15 for electronic format medical records retrieval and preparation; repealing a specified provision of law that allowed for fees charged for copies of medical records to be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 4-304(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 725 Delegate Impallaria**HANDGUNS – SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – HANDGUN PERMITS AND CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Authorizing a county board to authorize school employees in the county board's school system to carry a handgun on school property under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a handgun permit to a person who is otherwise qualified and who is a school employee in a school system in which the county board has authorized school employees to carry a handgun; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 4-102 and PS, § 5-306(a) - amended and ED, § 3-104(c) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 726 Delegate Carr**ETHICS – REPORTS OF REGULATED LOBBYISTS – OPEN DATA FORMAT**

Requiring the State Ethics Commission to make specified reports filed on or after a May 31, 2017, available electronically for public review in a machine-readable, searchable, and analyzable format.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 5-710 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 727 Delegate West, et al**HORSE RACING – INTERTRACK BETTING – PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Racing Commission to hold public hearings for intertrack betting at the location of the receiving track; and requiring the Commission to give at least 30 days' notice of public hearings to all residents and businesses within a 1-mile radius of the receiving track and to the Senators, Delegates, and county-elected officials representing the area within a 1-mile radius of the receiving track.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 11-811(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 728 Delegate Bromwell**STATE LOTTERY – LICENSED AGENTS – COMMISSIONS**

Increasing the commissions from 5.5% to 6% that specified licensed agents receive from specified lottery ticket sales.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-117(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 729 Delegate Vogt, et al**TAXATION – PROHIBITION ON EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR ORGANIZATIONS HAVING KNOWN TIES TO TERRORISM (HOMEGROWN TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT)**

Prohibiting a church, a religious organization, or any other nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from claiming an exemption from taxation or a tax credit under specified provisions of law; requiring the Comptroller and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, under specified circumstances, to consult with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TG, § 1-401 and TP, § 1-501 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 730 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE**

Altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council; and extending the termination date of specified provisions of law that establish and govern the Council to September 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HG, § 13-3203, Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2013, § 2, and Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2013, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 731 Delegate Rosenberg**CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES – REVISION**

Revising the schedule of basic child support guidelines used to calculate the amount of a child support award under the child support guidelines by extending the schedule to combined monthly adjusted gross incomes below \$1,250.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 12-204(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 732 Delegate Malone**DRIVERS' LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATORS' PERMITS – ENHANCED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make available to an applicant for a driver's license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit the opportunity to upgrade to an enhanced identification document; establishing that the Administration may issue an enhanced identification document to individuals who provide proof of identity, State residence, and United States' citizenship; requiring an individual who applies for such an identification document to provide to the Administration a biometric identifier, etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 12-305 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 733 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE MANUFACTURER'S LICENSES – SAMPLING, SALE, AND CONSUMPTION OF PRODUCTS**

Authorizing the holder of multiple alcoholic beverage manufacturer's licenses to allow the sampling, sale, and consumption of products produced under the licenses at each of the licensed premises, subject to a specified restriction; repealing specified provisions of law that prohibit holders of specified manufacturer's licenses from selling or allowing to be consumed specified products; authorizing the holder of a farm brewery license to apply for and obtain, under a different name, additional licenses for specified premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 2-202(i), 2-204(g), 2-206(b)(10), 2-210(i), (j), (k), and (l), and 2-212(a) - amended and §§ 2-206(b)(9) and 2-210(h) - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 734 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENT BIDDERS OR OFFERORS**

Requiring a unit of State government to give a resident bidder or offeror a specified preference on the procurement of goods and services under specified circumstances; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 14-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 735 Delegate Dumais, et al**MANSLAUGHTER AND HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL**

Increasing specified penalties for the crimes of manslaughter by vehicle or vessel, homicide by vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol or under the influence of alcohol per se, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by alcohol, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by drugs, and homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-209, 2-503, 2-504, 2-505, and 2-506 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 736 Delegate Tarlau, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring specified counties and municipal corporations to enact a local law, on or before December 31, 2017, to authorize collective bargaining between the county or municipal corporation and a specified employee organization; authorizing specified counties and municipal corporations to enact a local law to authorize collective bargaining between the county or municipal corporation and a specified employee organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, §§ 4-701 through 4-704 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 737 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – BEGINNING HOUR OF SALE**

Changing to 8 a.m. the beginning hour of sale for specified alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 16-2004 and 16-2005 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 738 Delegate C. Wilson**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD**

Altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified military retirement income for individuals who are at least 65 years old from \$10,000 to \$15,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 739 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONPROFIT BEER FESTIVAL PERMIT – REVISIONS**

Increasing the number of ounces of beer, from a maximum of 1 fluid ounce to a maximum of 4 fluid ounces, that a nonprofit beer festival permit holder may provide to a consumer under specified circumstances; requiring a person to submit an application for a specified nonprofit beer festival permit to the Comptroller instead of a local licensing board; and requiring a person to provide the Comptroller instead of a local licensing board with a list of specified brewing company off-site permit holders that will attend a specified festival.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 2-131 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 740 Delegate Kelly, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; providing for the manner in which the Program is to be administered; providing for the powers and duties of the Secretary under the Program; requiring, beginning on January 1, 2017, specified employees to pay the Secretary specified contributions; requiring, beginning on July 1, 2018, an individual to meet specified conditions to be eligible for benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

LE, § 8-302 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended and LE, §§ 8.3-101 through 8.3-901 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 741 Delegates Stein and Kaiser**HIGHER EDUCATION – INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – CONSUMER PROTECTION PROVISIONS**

Prohibiting a private career school from enrolling a student in a program that is intended to lead to employment in a field that requires licensure in the State if successful completion of the educational course offerings in the program at the school will not meet the State educational requirements for licensure, the school does not hold appropriate accreditation, or the school is aware of any other characteristics that would lead to the ineligibility of the student; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, § 13-320 - added and ED, §§ 11-203(d) and (e) and 15-118 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 742 Delegate M. Washington, et al**ENVIRONMENT – WATER SERVICE SHUT OFF PROTECTION ACT**

Authorizing a provider of water or sewerage system service to temporarily shut off service temporarily for reasons of health or safety or in a state or national emergency; requiring a provider to mail a specified notice when temporarily shutting off service; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service unless the provider posts specified notices at the premises within specified time periods; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service for specified reasons; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-2A-01 through 9-2A-04 - added and §§ 9-658(g)(2), 9-662, 9-724, 9-939, and 9-951 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 743 Delegates S. Robinson and Cassilly**YARD WASTE AND FOOD RESIDUALS DIVERSION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure Task Force; providing for the composition, cochair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to identify, evaluate, study, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 744 Delegate Kramer, et al**SENIOR CALL-CHECK SERVICE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the purpose of the Universal Service Trust Fund; authorizing the Public Service Commission to increase a surcharge from a maximum of 18 cents up to 21 cents per month if necessary to fund the cost of specified programs; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct specified postaudits for a specified additional purpose; establishing the Senior Call-Check Service Program; specifying a sequence of telephone calls that satisfy Program requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 3A-506 - amended and §§ 3A-701 and 3A-702 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 745 Delegate Reilly, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – STATE AND HARFORD COUNTY JUKE BOX LICENSES – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to licenses for keeping juke boxes for public entertainment in the State and in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 17-1301 through 17-1318 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 746 Delegate Rosenberg**HUMAN SERVICES – NO WRONG DOOR PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the No Wrong Door Pilot Program in the Department of Human Resources; specifying that the purpose of the Program is to ensure that low-income residents of the State have access to the services needed to sustain themselves and their families; requiring the Department to consult with stakeholders to develop criteria for the evaluation of grant applications, and track and assess Program outcomes; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget for specified fiscal years an appropriation of at least \$500,000; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HU, §§ 6-801 through 6-809 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 747 Delegates Gilchrist and Vaughn**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – LICENSURE REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION FOR LAWYERS**

Altering an exemption from the real estate broker licensure requirement for specified lawyers under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, § 17-301 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 748 Delegates Rosenberg and Kramer**DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING – JOB TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Job Training Grant Program in the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to provide 3-year grants to nonprofit organizations that provide job training; requiring a nonprofit organization to meet specified requirements in order to be eligible for a grant under the Program; requiring the Division to take specified actions regarding the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2018, and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include \$500,000 in the budget bill to fund the Program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 11-604 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 749 Delegate Lam, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OF POWDERED ALCOHOL – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance; and providing a maximum fine of \$1,000 for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 6-326 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 2016**HJ 1** Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**NATIONAL GOAL OF DEBT–FREE HIGHER EDUCATION**

Supporting statewide and nationwide policy and legislative efforts to ensure that students have access to debt–free higher education at public colleges and universities.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 4, 2016**HB 343** Delegate K. Young, et al**PROCUREMENT – EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATES – REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting a unit from awarding a procurement contract to a specified contractor unless the contractor has a specified equal pay certificate or a specified written exemption; requiring a specified contractor to apply for an equal pay certificate by submitting to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a specified application fee and a specified statement; authorizing the Commissioner to revoke or suspend an equal pay certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 4-356 and SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-809 - added and SF, § 11-203 - amended

Reassigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations